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Public Notice

APPLICATION NO.:	ADS-MVK-2005-1450
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EXPIRATION DATE:	March 30, 2007

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services are considering an application for a Department of the Army permit and State water quality certification for the work described herein. A water quality certification is required in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of the Clean Water Act. Comments should be forwarded to the Vicksburg District, Attention: CEMVK-OD-F, at the above address and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, Post Office Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has a copy of the application on file in their office in Baton Rouge and may be inspected at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Copies may be obtained from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality upon payment of cost of printing. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will make a final decision on the water quality certification pertaining to this application within 30 days after expiration of this notice.

Law Requiring a Permit: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), which applies to discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Name of Applicant:

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Sondheimer, Louisiana 71276

Location of Work: Section 12, T18N-R12E and Section 45, T18N-R13E, latitude 32°33'37" North, longitude 91°11'01" West, within the Little Tensas Bayou drainage basin, East Carroll Parish, near Sondheimer, Louisiana.

Description of Work: (See enclosed map and drawings.)

The following descriptions of the proposed project and associated impacts are based upon information provided by the applicant.

The applicant is applying for a Department of the Army permit for discharge of dredged and/or fill material associated with the clean out and relocation of a portion of Little Tensas Bayou, an intermittent stream.

The intermittent stream channel meanders north and south through the project site. The project would be constructed in stages to minimize impacts to Little Tensas Bayou. The purpose for the project is to improve farming efficiency.

The first stage of the project would involve the removal of all trees growing along the sides of Little Tensas Bayou from the north property line to the southern tip of the new ditch channel. Those trees growing in the stream channel south of the southern tip of the new ditch channel would be left undisturbed. The tree removal would be necessary to allow for the fill material to be deposited in a portion of the old intermittent stream channel.

The second stage of the ditch relocation would involve diverting a portion of the intermittent stream to flow west along an existing drainage ditch for a distance of approximately 1,773 linear feet.

The third stage of the ditch relocation would involve the excavation of the new ditch channel to flow southeast across non-wet cropland for a distance of approximately 2,140 linear feet to a farm service road.

The fourth stage of the relocation would involve the excavation of a new ditch channel to flow south-southeast under a farm service road and across non-wet cropland to the old intermittent stream channel. The new ditch channel would intersect the old

intermittent stream channel at three locations, one reconnecting with the original intermittent stream channel approximately 1,328 linear feet below the service road.

The fifth stage of the project would involve the discharge of approximately 17,070 cubic yards of fill material into the original relocated portion of Little Tensas Bayou, a water of the United States. The source of the fill material would be the material excavated during the construction of the new drainage channel. The project site has a Tunica-Sharkey soil type.

The vegetation growing along this portion of Little Tensas Bayou consist of sugarberry, buttonbush, bald cypress, water locust, black willow, sweet pecan, dogbane, red vine, and smartweed.

The project would impact approximately 2.40 acres or 2,100 linear feet of wooded wetland drain and approximately 1.14 acres or 3,300 linear feet of other waters of the United States.

The placement of dredged and/or fill material in waters of the United States associated with the mechanized land clearing requires a Department of the Army Permit.

Upon reviewing this notice, you should write to this office to provide your opinion of the impacts this work will have on the natural and human environment and address any mitigation you believe is necessary to offset these impacts. Other comments are welcome, but the above information will further our review of the applicant's plan as proposed. Comments of a general nature are not as helpful as those specific to the impacts of the subject project.

State Water Quality Permit: The State Pollution Control Agency must certify that the described work will comply with the State's water quality standards and effluent limitations before a Corps permit is issued.

Cultural Resources: An initial review indicates that the proposed project would not affect any of the sites in East Carroll Parish listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Copies of this notice have been sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Federally Recognized Tribes, and other interested parties for comment on potential effects to cultural resources that could result from this activity.

Endangered Species: Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any endangered species or their critical habitat. This proposal is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any comments regarding endangered species or their critical habitat will be addressed in our evaluation of the described work.

Flood Plain: In accordance with 44 CFR Part 60 (Flood Plain Management and Use), participating communities are required to review all proposed development to determine if a flood plain development permit is required. Flood plain administrators should review the proposed development described in this public notice and apprise this office of any flood plain development permit requirements.

Evaluation Factors: The decision whether or not to issue a permit will be based upon an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its expected adverse effects. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, historic values, fish and wildlife values, flood damage prevention, land use classification, navigation, recreation, water supply, water quality, energy needs, safety, food requirements and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. Evaluation of the proposed activity will include application of the guidelines published by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act.

Public Involvement: The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties. These comments will be used to evaluate the impacts of this project. All comments will be considered and used to help determine whether to issue the permit, deny the permit, or issue the permit with conditions, and to help us determine the amount and type of mitigation necessary. This information will be used in our Environmental Assessment or Impact Statement. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing.

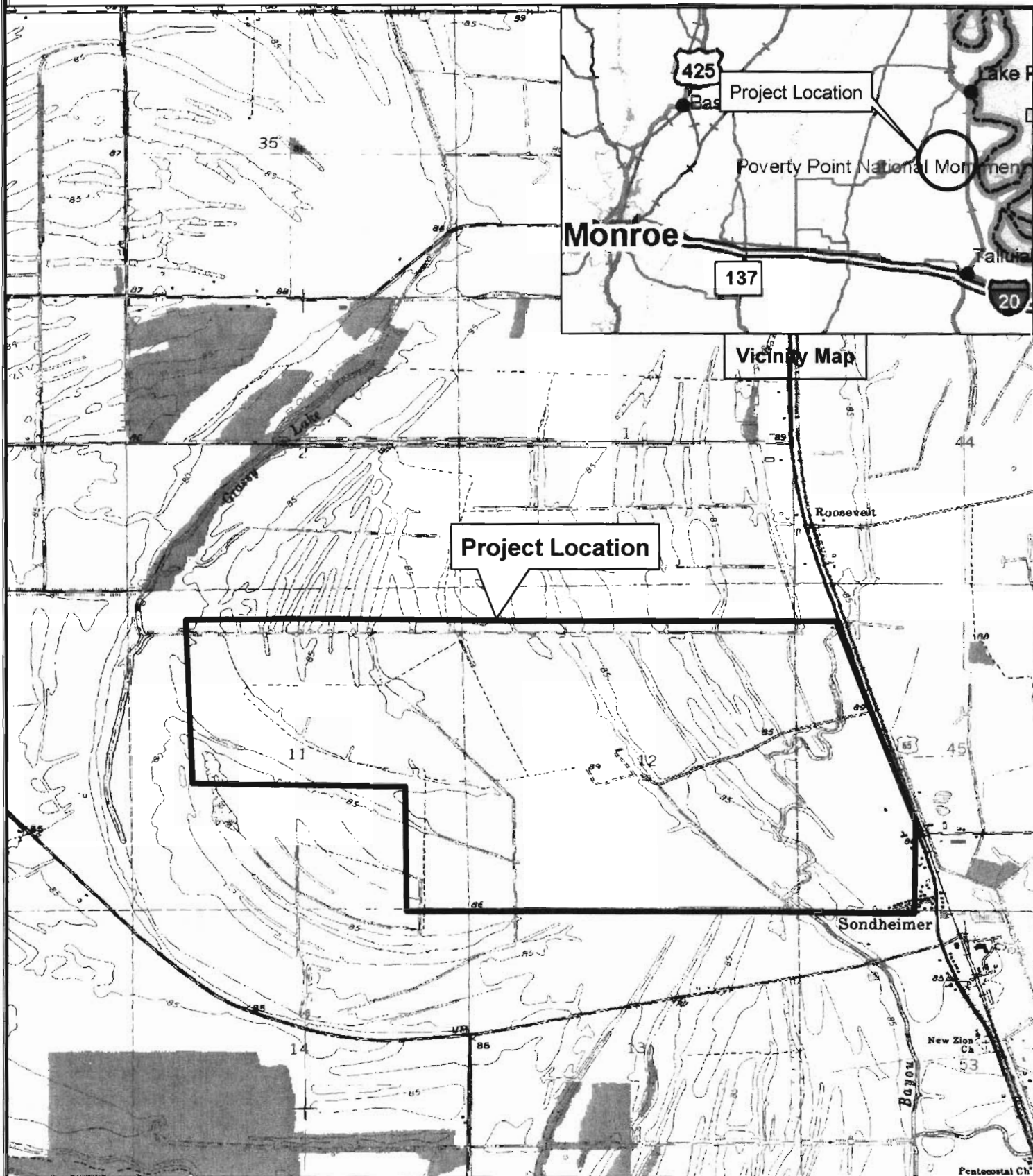
Opportunity for a Public Hearing: Any person may make a written request for a public hearing to consider this permit application. This request must be submitted by the public notice expiration date and must clearly state why a hearing is necessary. Failure of any agency or individual to comment on this notice will be interpreted to mean that there is no objection to the proposed work. Please bring this announcement to the attention of anyone you know who might be interested in this matter.

Notification of Final Permit Actions: Each month, the final permit actions from the preceding month are published on the Vicksburg District Regulatory web page. To access this information, you may follow the link from the Regulatory web page, <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/main.asp>, or go directly to the Final Permit Actions web page at <http://www.mvk.usace.army.mil/offices/od/odf/PubNotice/MonthlyNotice/pnmain.asp>.



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DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS



Sondheimer, LA Quad

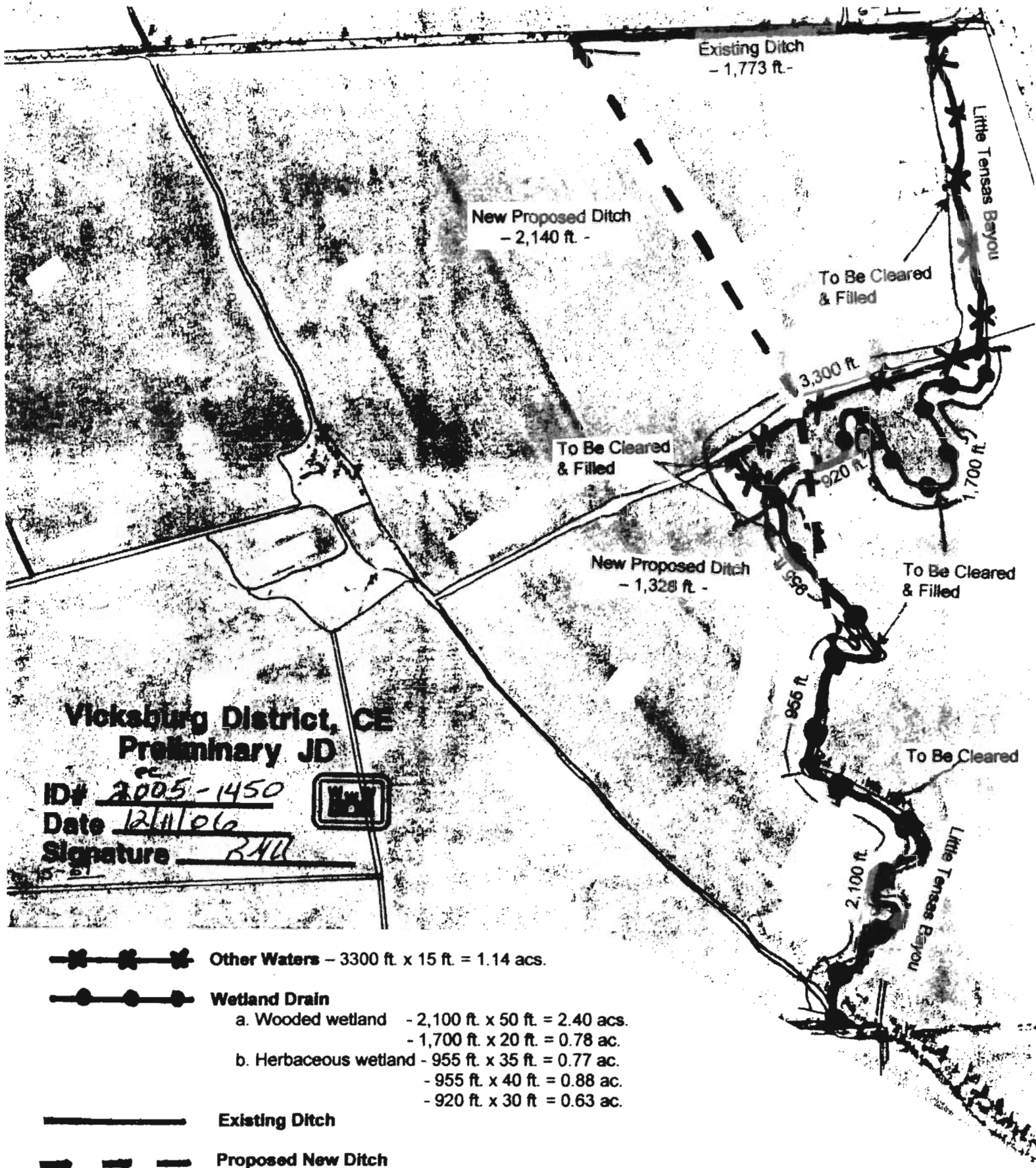
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Existing Ditch
- 1,773 ft -

New Proposed Ditch
- 2,140 ft -

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Vicksburg District, CE
Preliminary JD

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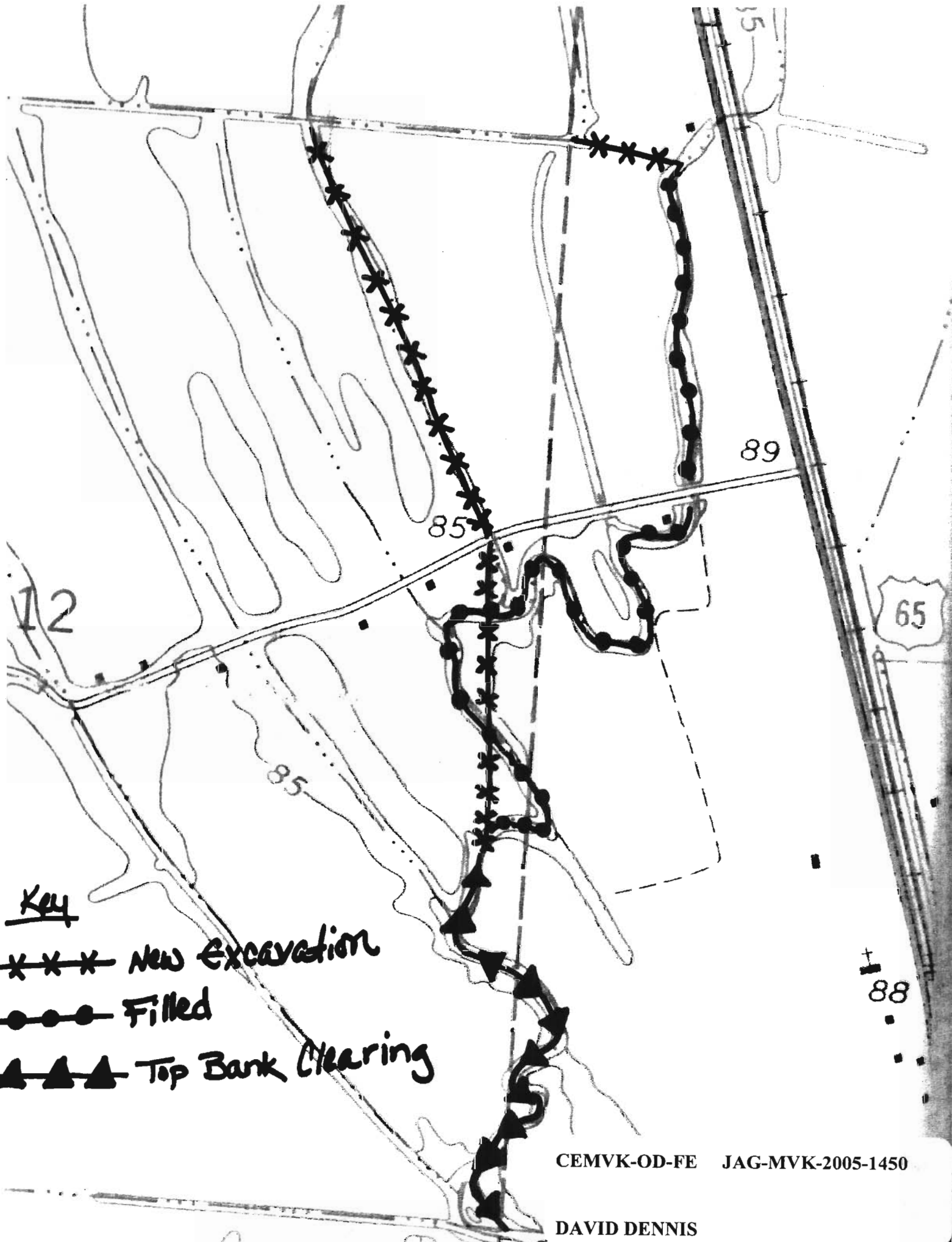
- Other Waters - 3300 ft x 15 ft = 1.14 acs.
- Wetland Drain
 - a. Wooded wetland - 2,100 ft x 50 ft = 2.40 acs.
 - 1,700 ft x 20 ft = 0.78 ac.
 - b. Herbaceous wetland - 955 ft x 35 ft = 0.77 ac.
 - 955 ft x 40 ft = 0.88 ac.
 - 920 ft x 30 ft = 0.63 ac.

Existing Ditch

Proposed New Ditch

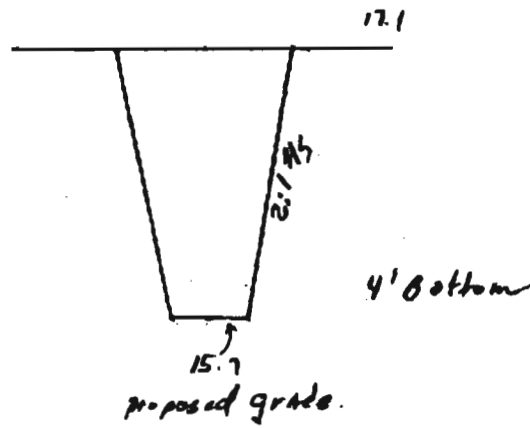
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**Cross-section of New Proposed Ditch
At Station 19+00 for David Dennis**

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